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"UNCERTAINTY."

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER
BY HELEN CARRE.

I stood in the morning, glad and gay,
Drunk on the perfume of the day,
Seeing in each sweet scene of light
All that was good, and just, and right:
Feeling the keenest joy in life
Coursing my veins with gladness rife.

At dusk the perfume had passed away,
Leaving no trace of the perfect day;
Cloud on cloud rolled over my head,
And peace was lost and joy was dead.
For every promise that dawned so fair
Faded as mist in the noonday glare.

THE KEY.

WRITTEN AFTER THE GERMAN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY HANS HOOK.

On one of the sociable reception evenings in the drawing room of the Duchess Helen, when a sprightly and intelligent company was wont to gather about the mistress of the house, the conversation touched on card playing. Every one gave his opinion.

"And you, doctor, are you fond of card playing?" asked the duchess, turning to a young man, whose deeply tanned complexion, and eyes with their quiet and sharp glance would have let one recognize in him the marine doctor, even though he had worn no uniform.

"I used to be fond of it, my lady," replied Dr. Robert Riondel.

"Would it be indiscreet to ask why you no longer play?"

"By no means, my lady!"

He drew forth a small, finely chased key, and continued:

"Here you see my means of preservation. As soon as I am tempted to play I touch this key, and the memories it awakens in me suffice to frighten away all desire to even touch a card."

"Really!" cried the Countess of Aur. "Does blood cling to your key, or does this introduction announce a story after Bluebeard?"

"Don't laugh, my lady; my story is very serious."

"We are all ears!" cried Duchess Helen. Then I moved their chairs in a circle around the doctor, who, without waiting to be begged further, began as follows:

II.

It was in Senegal, on the island of St. Louis, that I played for the last time. One evening last Summer we gave in the French Club a parting punch to the governor, who was to sail for France the next day. All the officers, the large merchants, in short, every one of importance in the colony, were assembled.

One of the merchants, a certain D—, was better known to me than the rest. Three months before he had called me to his cocoa plantation to attend his sick wife. Pretty Mme. D—, she was never called otherwise in St. Louis—was at that time twenty years old. All of our officers were head over heels in love with her sea green eyes, which, shaded by long brown lashes, had at once a naive and defiant expression—madly in love also with her charming golden hair and complexion, which had remained clear, notwithstanding the tropical sun.

Upon my arrival I was at once struck with her siren like charms. I found her in bed, slightly feverish, and thereby rendered more beautiful. The cambric dressing gown in which she was wrapped allowed one to surmise the pure and symmetrical contours. Her voice sounded cheerful, and yet it seemed as if a plaintive tone would tremble through it. What more can I tell you? I lay at once under the spell of her eyes, and I think my hand shook a little when I seized her arm to feel her pulse. I had the greatest difficulty in concealing under the professionally earnest mien the deep impression which this young woman had made on me. When I went away I was completely a prey to the sweet bewilderment of first love.

The every day transitory liaisons, formed and discarded in all parts of the two hemispheres, according to the length of the stay, had always left me cold. In my memory there arose scarcely a few fine, fugitive silhouettes—fancies woven in one day, forgotten the next. A few tears at the parting on the pier, the classically white handkerchief waved as the vessel sailed away to new surroundings and new faces—that was all.

I often returned to the cocoas. Mme. D— was too pretty not to be altogether good. She showed in her conversation an uncommon education, was well versed in all the arts, possessed of infinite taste and fine feeling. I spent near her the most pleasant hours of my life.

She recovered too rapidly to suit my fancy. D— could hardly conceal his jealousy, and I was obliged to cease my visits.

I had never spoken of my feelings for her, but she was too much of a woman not to have guessed them. As to her feelings for me, I did not know them then. By certain glances which she threw at her husband, by a certain tone in her words when she spoke to him, I thought I saw that, while she possessed no great passion for him, still she had enough affection for him to remain true to him.

Strange things, moreover, were told about D—. He had come with his wife a few years before to make his fortune, and had, within two years, by dealing in ivory and gold dust, acquired such a fine fortune that he was already preparing to leave St. Louis and return to France. On the morning of the departure he came home pale and crying, half crazy. He had played upon his word of honor and lost his whole fortune to the last gold piece. What took place then between the couple is not known. His wife forgave him, without doubt; he resumed his business, and, as he was clever and diligent, success again smiled on his efforts. Since the day he had gambled away his fortune he had never set foot again in the French Club.

III.

So much the greater was my surprise when I met him at the club on the evening of the parting punch. He anticipated my question. "I came,"

he said to me, shaking my hand, "to discharge my duties toward the governor, and intend to return early to my cocoas. I have sworn to do so—I have sworn to do so," he repeated, pensively, as it seemed, more to make sure of himself, than to reply to a remonstrance that I had not made at all.

I will spare you the details of this entertainment, the toasts, the speeches, the farewell addresses. Everything in such entertainments is always the same. At eleven o'clock the governor withdrew, and all repaired to the card room. I was curious to see what D— would do. "You are going to remain?" I asked him. He hesitated a moment, then he replied, somewhat ashamed, "I am going just as soon as I finish my cigar." He was pale;

IV.

The poor fellow's trouble made me feel sorry. I felt ashamed of my winnings, and made up my mind not to accept a sou of what he owed me. I was just about to inform him of my resolution, when he drew a little object from his pocket, and stepping close up beside me, spoke the following words, which, although he uttered them in a suppressed voice, could be distinctly heard by everybody, in the death like stillness that reigned in the whole room:

"That is the key to my wife's bedroom. I stake my wife against the amount I have lost!"

A slight murmur, accompanied by disapprobatory outcries, followed his words; those near him

trumps and the ace and ten of spades. Do not be surprised at the exactness of my narrative. This game left me an impression that clinched the smallest details in my memory. "I have the king," said D—, playing the king of trumps. This beginning bespoke nothing good for me, and the second card he played—the queen of trumps—brought him so near winning that I already looked on the game as lost. How could I believe that my three little trumps and poor spades could win the hand? After the king and queen of trumps he played the king of diamonds, which I took with my last trump, and played spades, and again spades. D— had no spades and no more trumps; so the three last tricks were mine. I had won!

stateroom, that I might—why should I not confess it—that I might have my cry out unrestrained. And I remained alone with the memory of the one I loved, and whom I did not expect to see again.

VI.

The narrator had finished.

"I would be curious to know," began the Countess of Aur, "how the pretty wife received her unworthy husband?"

"They did not see each other again," replied the doctor, in an earnest tone. "I learned that D—, directly after my departure from the card room, met out justice to himself by sending a ball through his breast. As for Mme. D—, when she learned what had occurred to her former husband, she killed every bit of love that she might still have had for him. She is too proud to mourn for him, I am told. Moreover, I shall soon know how I stand in the matter."

"Then you are going back to St. Louis?"

"Next month. I must see her and tell her all. I wish to excuse myself, to beg her pardon, and—"

The doctor hesitated, as if at a loss to find words, and changed color.

"And," said Duchess Helen, finishing the sentence, "to return the key to her; for one needs no key to be able to enter his wife's room at any hour. Is it not so, doctor?"

ISABEL IRVING

Was born in Bridgeport, Conn., but has passed the greater part of her life in this city. She made her professional debut when very young, with *Bohna Vokes*, in "The School Mistress," at the Standard Theatre, this city, in February, 1887. She remained one season with this company, playing various ingenue and juvenile roles, and in November, 1888, joined Augustin Daly's company, of which she remained a member for six seasons, during which time she played many important parts. She accompanied this company to Paris, where she played one week, and appeared in *Ada Rehan's* part in "The Lottery of Love" at the Vaudeville Theatre, where this play was originally produced in French, as "Les Surprises du Divorce." She played three engagements in London with the Daly company, and resigned from that organization last March. On her arrival in this city she was at once employed by Daniel Frohman for his Lyceum company, and, during the early part of this season has appeared in the leading role of Noeline, in "The Amazons," *entour*. In consequence of the recent determination of Georgia Cayvan to seek needed rest, Miss Irving was called in from the road, and made her first appearance as the leading lady of the Lyceum company on Nov. 30, as *Dorothea March*, in Victorien Sardou's play, "A Woman's Silence." On Dec. 17 she was seen for the first time in this city as Noeline, in "The Amazons," the role in which she is at present appearing. During the fortnight's revival of that play Miss Irving has already won well deserved praise in her new position, and her youth, comeliness, charm of manner, as well as her experience, make her a most desirable acquisition to this organization.

THROWING AN OLD SHOE.

The throwing of an old shoe after a newly married couple on their departure is general all over the country. In Kent the custom is accompanied by a little more detail than is usually observed in other parts of the country. The principal bridesmaid throws the shoe; the other bridesmaids run after it, the belief being that the one who gets it will be the first to be married. She then throws the shoe among the gentlemen, and it is supposed that the one who is hit will also be married before the others.

The custom of showering rice over the bride and bridegroom is a universal one, although in some parts wheat is substituted. This was formerly general in Nottinghamshire and Sussex. The practice appears to find a parallel in Poland, where, after the nuptial benediction has been given by the priest, the father receives the newly married couple at the door of their house and strews some barleycorns over their heads. These corns are carefully gathered up and sown. If they grow, it is considered an omen that the married pair will enjoy a life of happiness.

Grain of any sort is symbolical of plenty, and no doubt at different periods and in different countries that grain has been selected which could be procured the most easily. An old Spanish ballad of the sixteenth century, "The Old's Wedding," refers to this custom, except that ears of wheat appear to have been used instead of thrashed wheat: All down the street the ears of wheat are round Ximena lying.—*Westminster Review*.

BILLY MATSON'S RESURRECTION.

Billy Matson was a rough and ready wit and philosopher. Drunk or sober, his ideas and remarks were seldom commonplace, and hence he was a favorite with everybody.

One day, when he was sleeping off the previous night's indulgence, the "boys" carried him to the graveyard, and deposited him gently in an open grave. Then they concealed themselves behind adjacent tombstones, and waited to hear what he would say upon awaking.

At length they heard him moving and muttering, and soon his head appeared above the surface of the ground.

Gazing around and upward for several minutes, with a perplexed, inquisitive expression, he finally exclaimed:

"Well, well, I'm either the first that's riz, or else I'm confounded late."

He afterward stated that he thought it was resurrection day, and wondered why he saw nobody else arising.

CUPID'S WARDROBE.—If Cupid goes bare it's from choice. He has in his wardrobe plenty of breeches of promise.

MINISTER.—"Don't you know that strong drink is man's worst enemy?" *Fast Young Man*.—"Yes, but we are commanded to love our enemies."—*Pharmaceutical Era*.

The great secrets of navigation are contained in a small compass.



Isabel Irving

evidently he had demanded too much of his strength. His old passion had taken possession of him again; the sound of the cards made him beside himself; yet he only looked on near the table where I was playing cards. I was winning contrary to my former habit. My opponent had soon lost his cash, and rose. Without saying a word, D— took the vacant seat, and offered me a high stake. I contemplated, not without repugnance, this man, who, sound in mind and body, at the mere sight of a single card was ready to break his oath and sacrifice his love and honor.

The thoughts of it ran through my head, still they did not hinder me from playing with him. I also was fond of playing, as all of us were down there, where, for want of every other amusement, every passion crowded into one—that of gambling. Seized with the passion for the game, I saw in him only a player like all others, and I covered his stake. I won. He doubled, and again I won. He doubled continually, and I won continually. The stubborn ill luck made him more and more heated. He saw and heard nothing but the cards. His whole life was concentrated in his eyes and fingers. The only words he spoke were the short expressions necessitated by the game.

The whole party had crowded about us. I was known as a good player, and all were well acquainted with the experience he had had. Every one had a presentiment of some catastrophe in case he lost, and lose he did uninterruptedly. He had soon lost all his cash, and began to play on his word of honor. I had no ground upon which to stop. As if Fate had decreed it so, D— did not win a single game. At three o'clock in the morning he owed me a hundred thousand francs, and he stopped. He had lost his whole fortune for the second time at the card table. I looked at him. He tried to appear calm, but his corpse like paleness sufficiently revealed the terrible anxiety that tormented him. Without doubt he was thinking of his house under the cocoas, where his young wife was waiting, and who would not forgive him again.

moved away from him with disgust, so that an empty circle was formed around him.

Insensible to the expressions of the general indignation, D— laid the little key on the table, on the spot where the stakes were put, then asked: "Do you cover the stake, sir?"

Not until later was I conscious of what took place within me. At first I had a mad desire to hurl his key at his head. Then the fear of seeing the one I loved return to the arms of this woman gave me the strength to overcome my disgust. And finally, to tell the whole truth, I was, as if intoxicated, seized to the very marrow of my bones with what is called the gambling spirit, and besides roused by a vague, unaccountable hope. All these feelings urged me on, and, in my excited condition, I could not resist them. I tossed off a glass of punch, took up the cards, and laying them before D—, said, "You deal, please." We began the terrible game, both breathing hard with excitement. All the voices around us were hushed. You could hear nothing but the shuffling of the cards and the expressions used in the game. As if the luck were turning at last, D— won in the beginning. Have you ever seen a half drowned person restored to life? The warmth and continued rubbing animates him again; he gradually comes to himself, breathes, the eyes see, the ears hear again; finally, he is entirely himself once more, walks, the again warm blood circulates and colors the pale face afresh. D— resembled a half drowned person. In his face, which a moment before had reflected all the terrors of a moral death, the color of health supplanted anew the frightful paleness, his heart opened itself to hope and again beat regularly. D— recovered himself.

But with one stroke the situation changed. After one hand I had caught up to him. I had three points, like him, and he began to tremble. It came my turn to deal. I turned up the jack of hearts as the trump. D— took up his cards in feverish excitement. He had a good hand, and a smile of relief again lighted up his face. I had three small

V.

Like a sudden vision she appeared before my eyes, with her sea green eyes, luxuriant golden hair, white skin, and pure and beautiful contour—just as I had seen her formerly, upon my first visit under the cocoas. A violent madness swept away the rest of my wavering reason, and, seizing the key, I ran bareheaded from the club house. Yes, indeed, I had this baseness. Holding the key in my hand I rushed toward the cocoas, firmly resolved to make use of my right.

The azure brilliancy of the nights down there were itself caressingly about me. The tropical flowers diffused in the fresh night air their wonderful fragrance. From the clear sky, where the stars twinkled like dear old acquaintances, a refreshing coolness fell upon my burning forehead, and, united with what stirred in the innermost part of my soul, quieted me little by little. The influence of the surroundings made itself felt; my excitement vanished. I slackened my pace, and for the first time that night I succeeded in reflecting with self possession.

Was then this woman a slave, a commodity, that one could gamble for her as for gold?

At the same moment all the infancy I was on the point of committing came to my consciousness with frightful clearness. I was dismayed at my own self, and, turning my back to the cocoas, I fled like a thief caught in the act. I reached the banks of the river, where the ferry lay at anchor. I awoke the ferryman, and had myself rowed along-side the "Goeland," which was to leave the harbor at daybreak with the governor, to sail to France. I wished to rob myself of every possibility of yielding to the temptation.

When the "Goeland" weighed anchor, an hour later, it was with deep pain that I bid farewell to St. Louis. Down yonder, bounding the rosy horizon, stood the cocoas, which shaded with their long, green palm branches the house in which she doubtless still slept. At this sight I could only with difficulty hold back the tears. I went my

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CANADA.

Hamilton.—At the Grand "A Crazy Lot" played to fair audiences Dec. 22. The Holden Comedy Co. should do well with it.

STAN THEATRE.—Dec. 24, Mr. Webb; Morris and Goodwin; Mamie Kline, Leslie McAvoy, Dolly Weston, and Beverly and the Little Girls.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The stock company will produce "The Two Orphans" 24-26, and "The Tontine" 27-29.

THEATRE DE L'OPERA.—The managers of the Star Theatre, London, and Howe, have leased the Lyceum Theatre, London, and will run it in connection with their house here, playing valuable attractions, his will prove a benefit to performers in securing him two or three weeks' engagements. Mr. Howe is the manager of the Lyceum, and has secured Joe Pallister as treasurer. Mr. Howe will be better for the interests of the house here, with Fred W. Robinson as treasurer. . . . Owing to financial difficulties Clinton Russell has severed his connection

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recent additions to the company.... The stage employees of the Grand Opera House have formed a local union, and expect to be taken into the national Alliance at the general meeting in July. The following are the officers: president, Mrs. Ed Davis, president; J. S. Bakke, vice president; H. Hewitt, secretary; J. N. Appleton, financial secretary; Chas. Reid, treasurer.

A. H. Klinge

LONDON.—At the grand week-end of Dec. 14, the only attractions were two local concertos. The Wagner festival has been leased by Messrs A. Hogue & Co., of the Lyceum Theatre, Hamilton. The name will be changed to the Lyceum Theatre. It will be placed on a circuit.

Quebec.—At the grand of Quebec, Dec. 17, was the first opera company in the city, played to fair business. A tambo has resigned as manager of the company.

WASHINGTON.

Spokane.—At the Auditorium "Patience," by le Mozart Co. (Coca), Dec. 13, 14, 15, was a success.

Theatricals.—Next week of Mr. Milgromer, George and Clara Barker, Edie Baines, Mrs. Lester Courter, Little Nipper, Mrs. Herbert.

Prince Paul

BERRY—Leon and Robert, Alice M. Archer, Joe Bernier, Edmund Siders, Chas. Arner, Nick Williams, Ethan Steward, Fred K. Gardner and Maggie West.

Seattle—At Hanna's Seattle Theatre "The county fair" opened a four nights' engagement Dec. 17 to big house and plenty of applause. The happy Opera Co. comes 21-22, Tnos. W. Keene 21-22.

CORDEAY'S THEATRE was well filled Dec. 19 to see the Ryke Opera Company's initial appearance. The opera was "Amorita," "The Biggar Incident" 21, Week of 21, "A Night in Venice" 21, "La Traviata"—Clara Wilson, sister P. K. French married 10 to Jessie French, sister P. K. French. The couple left the same night for Honolulu, where groom will accept a position in the government and J. F. Cordray arrived in the city 18 and will give the Ryke Opera Co.'s personal supervision.

the Tacoma Times
business Dec.

.....At the Ninth Street Theatre Rosco & Swift's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" came for four nights and Saturday matinee, commencing 19.

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VARIETY AND MINSTRELS

time at Memorial Hall, Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Dec. 20, with Paul Dresser in the principal role.

— Amateurs presented Talourd's five act Gre tragedy, "Ion," at the Germania Club Room, Stapton, S. I., Dec. 20. The performance was under direction of Edmund Russell, a professional, who played the title role.

(continued)

OWING to the sudden death of the father of Eddie Marks, of Griffin and Marks, the team have canceled their engagement in Pittsburg, Pa.

FRED KENNO has closed his second season with Lucier's Minstrels, and will change his contortions act to an acrobatic comedy act for the remainder of the season.

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WINTER SPORT.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 6—German Amateur championship skating races, Bonn.
Jan. 12—International races and figure skating, Berlin, Prussia.
Jan. 19—National Skating Association annual championship meeting, Orange Lake, N. Y.
Jan. 20—27—Skating races, championship of Europe, Buda-Pesth, Hungary.
Jan. 26—Championship figure skating competitions, South Orange, N. J.
Jan. 29—Junior and green figure skating competitions, Montreal, Can.
Feb. 2—Canadian Amateur Skating Association annual championship competition, Montreal, Can.

To Wheel on the Ice.

Asst. Manager Tom Eck, who is responsible for much of the reputation gained by that wonderful western lad, John S. Johnson, has a new scheme, him and Pat O'Connor, cyclist and skater, who is to be Johnson's partner this winter, are at work on a combination skate and bicycle which they expect to work wonders before the blossoms come again. Johnson is to have a tandem machine for the ice, upon which himself and O'Connor will attempt to do a little flying for records, and O'Connor will ride a single arrangement while acting as pacemaker to Johnson in skating. Both the tandem and the single machine will be fitted with a long steel skate runner in the form of a claw attached to the rear wheel. The tandem will be geared to 100 in., and the single machine to about 80 in., as against the 65 or 70 in. to which most track cyclists are accustomed. So called "skacycles" or other nondescript machines of the kind and of the kind have seldom upon the theory of their great speed, but Eck is very confident of success in this instance.

The Northwestern Bouspelli.

General Secretary J. C. Wall, of Milwaukee, Wis., announces that the rink of the curling bouspelli to be held there in January are as follows: Winnipeg and Manitoba, 15 rinks; Chicago, 7; St. Paul, 6; Detroit, 3; Albany, 1; New York City, 2; Buffalo, 1; Utica, 1; Saratoga, 2; May's Toronto, 1; Duluth, 3; Portage, Wis., 4; Lodi, 2; Arlington, 2; Mauston, 2; Oshkosh, 2; Poyntette, 1; Rio, 1; Wauwatosa, 1; Milwaukee, 12.

A SKATING AND CURLING CLUB was formed at Dorion, Can., last week, with the following officers: President, N. E. Hamilton; vice president, S. A. Brodeur; secretary, A. McTavish; treasurer, C. H. Gault.

THE RIDEAU SKATING CLUB, OF OTTAWA, ONT., recently elected the following officers: President, Lieutenant Colonel Irwin; first vice president, A. Gordon; second vice president, J. Isbister; third vice president, H. N. Bates; secretary, W. H. Middleton.

ATHLETIC.

The College Hockey Team.

The team of hockey players which has been organized by Arthur E. Foote and Malcolm Chace, of Yale, and which is composed of representatives of different colleges who have attained more or less proficiency in this winter sport, will leave the States on Dec. 29, and will meet at Toronto, Ont., for preliminary practice and the opening games of the Canadian tour. Stewart Houston, president of the Ontario Hockey Association, will receive the Americans and take them in charge for their tour. He has supervised the Canadian arrangements for the trip and has scheduled the Americans to play eight contests. The list is as follows: Two matches in Toronto, one in Hamilton, one in Kingston, two in Ottawa and two in Montreal. The dates are not finally decided upon as yet, but the series will begin about Dec. 27 and close about Jan. 6.

The team is captained by Malcolm Chace, the intercollegiate tennis champion, the other members being: Fred Hovey, of Brown College and Harvard; Robert Wren, of Harvard, American tennis champion; W. A. Larned, of Cornell and Columbia, former intercollegiate tennis champion; William Jones, George Matteson and Alexander Melickjohn, of Brown, and the Canadian players, who will play as follows: Rushers—Hovey, Matteson, Wren and Melickjohn; centre, Chace; guard, Jones; goal, Larned. Foote will play in most of the games, but his position has not yet been determined. George Wright, of Boston, will accompany the team to Canada.

The Canadian game is played on ice, instead of roller skates, as is the custom in this country in rinks; the Canadian teams consist of seven instead of five or six men, as in this country; the Canadian game is longer and larger than the American, and is especially marked by a thick body. The "ball" employed is a cylindrical shaped block of rubber, an inch long and with a diameter of two and one-half inches. The use of ice in the Canadian game has prevented the Americans from practicing, and in view of this fact the Canadians have agreed that two of the eight contests shall take place under the American rules of ice polo, and six under the Canadian regulations.

The International Meeting.

A cablegram brings information of the reception by the London Athletic Club of the invitation forwarded by the New York Athletic Club published in last week's CLIPPER, with a view to bringing about an international field meeting in this country, in 1905, between the picked athletes of these two representative organizations. An early consideration of the same by the London organization is promised. From the following extract from a letter received by E. C. Carter from Secretary Charles Herbert, of the English Amateur Athletic Association, it will be seen that the proposition is favorably entertained by prominent amateur athletes of the country, and that the prospect of an international competitor, such as proposed is encouraging.

"I fancy we shall be able to get a team to go in September, but I do not think that we can manage it before October. Of course we must make your proposals as to distances and other details first. We will do all we can to arrange a meeting. So far as I can see you would win the 220 and 880 yards runs, throwing weights, hurdles and running high jump. I regard the 100 yards and pole vault as doubtful, but I think we might win the 100 yards, quarter mile, one mile and four mile runs, long jump and steeplechase. This makes things very equal. My calculation, of course, depends on whether we can get C. A. Bradley, E. C. Fredin, Godfrey Shaw, W. E. Lutyens, F. S. Horen, W. J. Barry, C. M. Fry and a high jumper. I do not think we can get any others. It will be very difficult to get our best men to go so far and to be away so long. I shall do my utmost to organize the team. Our nine event interspersal programme would be the best, I think; better than the A. A. C. championship."

The Golfers Are in Earnest.

A meeting was held in the rooms of the Calumet Club, this city, on Saturday evening, Dec. 22, at which were present representatives of five of the leading golf clubs of the country. They met in response to this invitation sent by H. O. Talmadge, secretary of the St. Andrew's Golf Club, of Yonkers, N. Y., for the purpose of organizing a governing body, formulating rules for the playing of championship games, and generally legislating for the furtherance of the interests thereof in America. The clubs represented were: St. Andrew's Golf Club, Yonkers; H. O. Talmadge and John Field; Newport (R. I.) Golf Club; Theodore A. Haveny and Winthrop Rutherford; Shinnecock Club, Southampton; L. I. Gen. I. H. Barber and Samuel L. Parrish; Chicago (Ill.) Golf Club; Charles Blair Macdonald and J. A. Ryserson; Boston Country Club; Brookline, Mass.; Laurence B. Curtis and Philip S. Sears. A permanent organization was effected by the election of these officers: President, Theodore A. Haveny; first vice president, Laurence B. Curtis; second vice president, C. B. Macdonald; treasurer, Samuel L. Parrish; secretary, H. O. Talmadge. A special committee, consisting of Gen. I. H. Barber, John Field and C. B. Macdonald, were appointed to draw up a constitution and bylaws, and to report on playing rules for holding the amateur and open championships.

C. P. BURN has it stated, wagged with Chas. Hopkins \$1,000 that Henry Schuchel cannot wait from New Orleans, La., to Chicago, Ill., within twenty-five consecutive days. All parties to the contest are residents of Chicago, where the final deposits were made Dec. 22. Schuchel will start at once for the Crescent City, and after two weeks' training will begin his journey about Jan. 10, 1905.

A Long Tramp Ended.

Says a dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., dated Dec. 21: "Two Rochester men, L. C. Tinker and S. T. Jennings, arrived in Tallahassee at noon today, having walked all the way from their home, a distance of 1,371 miles, for a purse of \$500. They left Rochester October 2, and were to complete their walk by noon of Christmas day, so they are four days ahead of time. By the terms of the wager they were to start with \$100, and carry a watch, sleep in a hotel or ride except in wagons owned by their way. They rode only sixteen miles of the journey, their time being sixty-three walking days. The route lay through Pittsburg, Wheeling, Mount Sterling, Harrison, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Atlanta, Americus and Thomasville, Ga. They were treated very well on their journey and are both in excellent health and spirits. Tinker is a druggist and Jennings a teacher, both young men well known in Rochester."

Games of Youthful Christians.

The third Winter meeting at the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association, of this city, was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, the events resulting as shown in the summary:

Running high jump—W. E. Carroll, 2' 4 in.; A. G. Steelman, 2' 1 in.; T. Reese Cornelius and W. R. P. 2' 10 in.
Pole vault—L. Lloyd, 34 ft. 7 in.; A. G. Steelman, 31 ft. 4 in.; W. E. Carroll, 27 ft. 10 in.
Pole vault—W. E. Carroll, 38 ft. 4 in.; A. G. Steelman, 37 ft. 4 in.; T. Reese Cornelius and W. R. P. 30 ft. 4 in.
Sledging broad jump—W. E. Carroll, 20 ft. 9 in.; A. G. Steelman, 20 ft. 4 in.; C. Bevan, 20 ft. 4 in.
Pole vault—W. E. Carroll, 40 ft. 4 in.; T. Reese Cornelius, 38 ft. 4 in.; A. G. Steelman, 37 ft. 4 in.

THE FOLLOWING GAMES OF FOOTBALL were played in this vicinity on Sunday, Dec. 25: Brooklyn Wanderers beat Americus, 2 to 1, at West Holbrook, N. J.; Woodside Athletic Club beat Laurel Hill Athletic Club, 4 to 3, at the former's grounds in Woodside, L. I.; Bay View Athletic Club beat Peerless Athletic Club, 6 to 4, at Fort Hamilton, L. I.; Centerville Athletic Club beat Steamship Britannia team, 4 to 0, at Bayonne, N. J.; St. Peter's team and Varuna Club met at the grounds of the latter at Bay Ridge, L. I., the result being a tie, neither side scoring.

TOM McMAHON, of Detroit, Mich., and Bob Manning, of Grand Rapids, wrestled for a purse at Lansing, evening of Dec. 20, the former winning three straight falls, thus giving him the match.

AQUATIC.

Cornell's English Trip.

That the Cornellians are in debt earnest in their purpose of sending a crew to represent the university at the Royal Henley on Thames Regatta of 1905 will be seen from the following circular, a copy of which has been addressed to every graduate of the university by the Alumni Collection Committee.

"It is proposed to send a Cornell Varsity crew to England next summer to compete with representative English oarsmen at Henley. It is probable that a series of races will be rowed. The success of our crew would furnish a clear demonstration of the superiority of Cornell oarsmen, and would be a source of pride to all Cornellians. As the regatta is of great interest to all Cornellians, it is probable that a series of races will be rowed. The success of our crew would furnish a clear demonstration of the superiority of Cornell oarsmen, and would be a source of pride to all Cornellians. As the regatta is of great interest to all Cornellians, it is probable that a series of races will be rowed. The success of our crew would furnish a clear demonstration of the superiority of Cornell oarsmen, and would be a source of pride to all Cornellians. As the regatta is of great interest to all Cornellians, it is probable that a series of races will be rowed. 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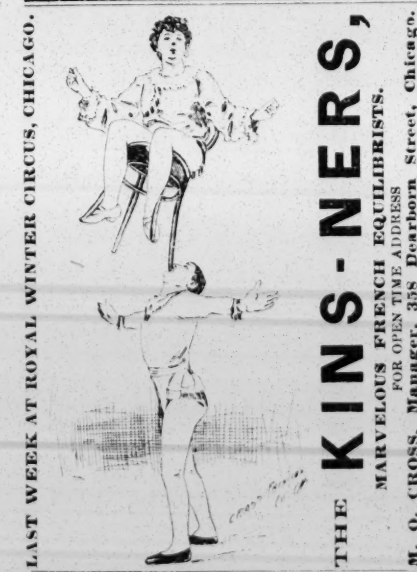
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